



The Choice is Yours!

What's wrong with wanting your lawn green, your car clean, and taking your dog for a stroll in the park?

Fertilizer, lawn clippings, soap suds with oil and grease, pet waste and other substances left on the ground can get washed down the storm drain and into your local lake, river, or stream. Pollutants in runoff may affect your drinking water supply, your favorite swimming and fishing hole, and even aquatic life living in the waters of South Carolina.

Consider this- runoff pollution is the leading cause of water pollution in South Carolina. This doesn't mean you have to stop doing these things, but rather follow these simple recommendations.

- Reduce the amount of fertilizer you put on your lawn.
- Take your car to a car wash- it's easier on you and the environment!
- Bring a plastic bag on walks and scoop the poop.
- Properly maintain your septic system.
- Properly dispose of household chemicals.

You're the solution to runoff pollution! The choice is yours to make.

For more information, please visit DHEC's Nonpoint Source website at: <http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/water/npspage.htm> or go to the EPA website at: <http://www.epa.gov/OWOW/NPS/>

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